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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

It is critical that the regulatory environment that provides independent ISPs the ability to provide unbundled services is retained. The major carriers (Verizon, AT&T, Comcast etc.) are practically already monopolies that control the chokepoints for the access to the backbone of the internet. In order to prevent them from extending that monopoly to the last mile, it is critical that the independent ISP's ability to access the backbone on fair terms is preserved.

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